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- Find the probability ...
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 [Ans. : (i) 0.3, (ii) 0.5 (i)]

Miscellaneous Examples

Example 1 : In throwing a fair dice, $A =$ (The outcome is greater than 3), $B =$ (The outcome is an even number). Find $P(A), P(B), P(A/B), P(\bar{A} \cap B)$.
 (M.U. 2004)

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When at least one Electronics Engine

Electronics Engineer Other

1

2

3

\therefore Required probability, $P(B)$

Alternatively : We may solve this

$P(\text{At least one Electron})$

$$= 1 - P(\text{No Elec})$$

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Example 11 : A student takes his examination in four subjects A, B, C and D. He estimates his chances of passing in A as $4/5$, in B as $3/4$, in C as $5/6$ and D as $2/3$. To qualify he must pass in A and in at least two other subjects. What is the probability that he will qualify ? (M.U. 1998, 2000, 02, 05)

Solution : When he qualifies, one of the following events must take place.

E_1 : He passes in A and in B, in C, in D.

E_2 : He passes in A and in B, in C but not in D.

Example 3 : Find $E(X)$ if X has the p.d.f. $f(x) = \begin{cases} kx(2-x), & 0 \leq x \leq 2, k > 0 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$

Solution : By definition $E(X) = \int_0^2 x f(x) dx = \int_0^2 x \cdot kx(2-x) dx = k \int_0^2 (2x^2 - x^3) dx$

$$= k \left[\frac{2x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} \right]_0^2 = k \left[\frac{16}{3} - \frac{16}{4} \right] = \frac{16k}{12} = \frac{4k}{3}.$$

Example 4 : Find $E(X)$ for the p.d.f. $f(x) = \begin{cases} k(x-x^2), & 0 \leq x \leq 1, k > 0 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$

Solution : By definition $E(x) = \int_0^1 x f(x) dx = \int_0^1 x \cdot k(x-x^2) dx = k \left[\frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} \right]_0^1 = \frac{k}{12}.$

Example 5 : The daily consumption of electric power (in million kwh) is a random variable X with probability density function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} kx e^{-x/3} & \text{for } x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

Find the value of k , the expectation of k and the probability that on a given day the electric consumption is more than expected value. (M.U. 2003, 04)

Solution : We must have $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$ i.e. $k \int_0^{\infty} x e^{-x/3} dx = 1$

$$\therefore k \left[(x) \left(\frac{e^{-x/3}}{-1/3} \right) - (1) \left(\frac{e^{-x/3}}{1/9} \right) \right]_0^{\infty} = 1$$

$$\therefore k[0 + 9] = 1 \quad \therefore 9k = 1 \quad \therefore k = 1/9$$

Alternatively Two balls out of 12 can be drawn in $^{12}C_2$ ways.

Two white balls out of 5 can be drawn in 5C_2 ways.

$$\therefore \text{Required Probability} = \frac{{}^5C_2}{{}^{12}C_2} = \frac{5 \cdot 4}{12 \cdot 11} = \frac{5}{33}$$

(ii) Second red ball can be drawn in two ways.

A = the first is white and the second is red.

B = the first is red and the second is red.

$$P(A) = \frac{5}{12} \cdot \frac{7}{11}, \quad P(B) = \frac{7}{12} \cdot \frac{6}{11}$$

$$\therefore \text{Required Probability} = \frac{35}{132} + \frac{42}{132} = \frac{77}{132}$$

Example 3 : The authorities of an university wish to form a committee of 4 engineers for inspecting the functioning of engineering colleges. 3 Electronics, 4 Mechanical, 2 Civil and 1 Computer Engineers showed interest to work as committee members. Find the probability that the committee consists of (i) one engineer of each branch, (ii) at least one Electronics Engineer.

Solution : There are in all 10 persons of whom 4 are to be selected. This can be done in $^{10}C_4$ ways.

$$\therefore n = {}^{10}C_4$$

(i) When one Engineer of each branch is included.

This can be done in ${}^3C_1 \times {}^4C_1 \times {}^2C_1 \times {}^1C_1$ ways.

$$\therefore P(A) = \frac{{}^3C_1 \times {}^4C_1 \times {}^2C_1 \times {}^1C_1}{{}^{10}C_4} = \frac{3 \times 4 \times 2 \times 1}{10 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7} \cdot 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = \frac{4}{35}$$

Example: If $P(A) = 0.3$, $P(B) = 0.5$, find $P(A \cup B)$ when (i) A, B are exclusive (ii) A, B are independent

Solution: (i) If A, B are exclusive $P(A \cap B) = 0$

$$\therefore P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) \\ = 0.3 + 0.5 - 0 = 0.8.$$

(ii) If A, B are independent $P(A \cap B) = P(A) \times P(B)$

$$\therefore P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A) \times P(B) \\ = 0.3 + 0.5 - 0.3 \times 0.5 = 0.65.$$

(Note that $P(A \cup B)$ has two different values under the two conditions, showing that independence and exclusiveness are two different concepts.)

(b) Mutual Independence

If A, B, C are any three events then they are said to be mutually independent if they are pairwise independent and if A is independent of $B \cap C$, B is independent of $C \cap A$, C is independent of $A \cap B$.

The last condition gives,

$$P[C \cap (A \cap B)] = P(C) \cdot P(A \cap B) \\ = P(C) \cdot P(A) \cdot P(B) \quad [\because A, B \text{ are independent.}]$$

For the other two pairs, we get the same condition.

Thus, three events A, B, C are mutually independent if

1. $P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$
2. $P(B \cap C) = P(B) \cdot P(C)$
3. $P(C \cap A) = P(C) \cdot P(A)$
4. $P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(A) \cdot P(B) \cdot P(C).$

Generalisation: If $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n$ are n events then they are said to be mutually independent if

$$(1) \quad P(A_1 \cap A_2) = P(A_1) \cdot P(A_2); \quad P(A_1 \cap A_3) = P(A_1) \cdot P(A_3) \dots$$

$$\text{i.e. } P(A_i \cap A_j) = P(A_i) \cdot P(A_j) \text{ for all } i, j, i \neq j \text{ and}$$

$$(2) \quad P(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n) = P(A_1) \cdot P(A_2) \dots P(A_n)$$

Note

It should be noted that the condition $P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(A) \cdot P(B) \cdot P(C)$

alone does not ensure pairwise independence and also the pairwise independence alone does not ensure $P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(A) \cdot P(B) \cdot P(C).$

(c) Some Theorems

We now prove some theorems on conditional probability.

Now, consider,

$$P(\bar{A} \cap \bar{B}) = P(\overline{A \cup B}) \\ = 1 - P(A \cup B) \\ = 1 - [P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)] \\ = 1 - P(A) - P(B) + P(A \cap B) \\ = [1 - P(A)] \cdot [1 - P(B)] \\ = P(\bar{A}) \cdot P(\bar{B})$$

But

$$P(\bar{A} | \bar{B}) = \frac{P(\bar{A} \cap \bar{B})}{P(\bar{B})} = \frac{P(\bar{A})}{P}$$

Note

Note that in words this theorem states "independent".

Theorem 2: If A, B are independent

Proof: We have $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$

Since, A, B are independent $P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$

$$\therefore P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A) \cdot P(B) \\ = P(A) + P(B) - P(A) \cdot P(B) \\ = 1 - P(\bar{A}) \cdot P(\bar{B})$$

Theorem 3: If A, B are independent

Proof: We have to prove that $P(A \cap \bar{B}) = P(A) \cdot P(\bar{B})$

$$\text{Now, } P(A \cap \bar{B}) = P(A) - P(A \cap B) \\ = P(A) - P(A) \cdot P(B)$$

$$\therefore P(A \cap \bar{B}) = P(A) [1 - P(B)] \\ = P(A) \cdot P(\bar{B})$$

$\therefore A, \bar{B}$ are independent

Remark

If A, B are independent then $P(A \cap \bar{B}) = P(A) \cdot P(\bar{B})$

- Find the probability that:
 (ii) unskilled given that she is female.
8. A box contains four tickets with numbers 111, 122, 212, 221 and is shaken. Let $A_i (i = 1, 2, 3)$ be the event that the i -th digit on the ticket is 1. Show that the events A_1, A_2, A_3 are pairwise independent.
9. If $P(A) = k, P(B) = 0.4, P(A \cup B) = 0.7$, find k if A, B are (i) exclusive, (ii) independent.

[Ans. : (i) 0.3, (ii) 0.5]

Miscellaneous Examples

Example 1 : In throwing a fair dice, $A =$ (The outcome is greater than 3), $B =$ (The outcome is an even number). Find $P(A), P(B), P(A/B), P(\bar{A} \cap B)$.

Solution : We have $A = \{4, 5, 6\}, B = \{2, 4, 6\}$. Then $A \cap B = \{4, 6\}$

$$\therefore P(A) = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}, \quad P(B) = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}, \quad P(A \cap B) = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\therefore P(A/B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{1/3}{1/2} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$P(\bar{A} \cap B) = P(B) - P(A \cap B) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{6}$$

Example 2 : Suppose an urn contains five white balls and seven red balls. Two balls are drawn at random from the urn without replacement,

(i) what is the probability that both balls are white?

(ii) what is the probability that the second ball is red?

Solution : (i) Two white balls can be drawn as the first white and the second white.

$$P(\text{first white}) = \frac{5}{12}; \quad P(\text{second white}) = \frac{4}{11}$$

$$\therefore P(\text{combined event}) = \frac{5}{12} \cdot \frac{4}{11} = \frac{5}{33}$$

Solution : There are in all 10 persons of whom 4 are engineers.

When one Engineer of each branch is in

This can be done in ${}^3C_1 \times {}^4C_1 \times {}^2C_1 \times {}^1C_1$

$$\therefore P(A) = \frac{{}^3C_1 \times {}^4C_1 \times {}^2C_1 \times {}^1C_1}{{}^{10}C_4}$$

When at least one Electronics Engineer

Electronics Engineer

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\therefore Required probability, $P(B)$

Alternatively : We may solve this

$P(\text{At least one Electron})$

$$= 1 - P(\text{No Elec})$$

$$= 1 - \frac{{}^7C_4}{{}^{10}C_4} = 1 - \frac{35}{210}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{6} = \frac{5}{6}$$

$$\therefore P(\bar{A}) = 1 - P(A)$$

Note

Since A and \bar{A} are exclusive, we have $A \cup \bar{A} = S$ and $A \cap \bar{A} = \Phi$.

Corollary : Probability of an event is always less than or equal to one.

(i.e. $P(A) \leq 1$)

Proof : $P(A) = 1 - P(\bar{A})$. But $P(\bar{A}) \geq 0$ by axiom 1. $\therefore P(A) \leq 1$.

Remark

Not Both and Both Not A and B : Note that for the events A and B 'that not both will happen' and 'that both will not happen' have significantly different meanings. The first is symbolised as $\overline{A \cap B}$ and the second is symbolised as $\bar{A} \cap \bar{B}$.

Example 1 : What is the chance that a leap year selected at random will contain 53 Sundays ?

(M.U. 1996, 2003, 04, 05)

Solution : A leap year has 52 complete weeks and 2 more days. These days can be Monday and Tuesday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Thursday and Friday, Friday and Saturday, Saturday and Sunday, Sunday and Monday. Let the required event be denoted by A .

There are 7 outcomes and 2 are in A .

$$\therefore n = 7 \text{ and } m = 2 \quad \therefore P(A) = \frac{m}{n} = \frac{2}{7}$$

Example 2 : In the play of two dice, a person loses if the sum obtained is 2 or 4 or 12. He wins if the sum is 5 or 11. Find the ratio of his probability of losing to the probability of winning in the first throw.

Solution : When two dice are thrown simultaneously there are 36 cases as shown below,

(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (1, 5), (1, 6),
(2, 1), (2, 2), (2, 3), (2, 4), (2, 5), (2, 6),
(3, 1), (3, 2), (3, 3), (3, 4), (3, 5), (3, 6),
(4, 1), (4, 2), (4, 3), (4, 4), (4, 5), (4, 6),
(5, 1), (5, 2), (5, 3), (5, 4), (5, 5), (5, 6),
(6, 1), (6, 2), (6, 3), (6, 4), (6, 5), (6, 6).

The sum 2 is obtained in only one way - (1, 1). The sum 4 is obtained in 3 ways - (1, 3), (2, 2), (3, 1). The sum 12 is obtained in only one way - (6, 6).

$$\therefore m = 1 + 3 + 1 = 5, \quad n = 36 \quad \therefore P(\text{losing}) = \frac{m}{n} = \frac{5}{36}$$

The sum 5 is obtained in 4 ways - (1, 4), (2, 3), (3, 2), (4, 1). The sum 11 is obtained in 2 ways - (5, 6), (6, 5).

$$\therefore m = 4 + 2 = 6, \quad n = 36 \quad \therefore P(\text{winning}) = \frac{m}{n} = \frac{6}{36}$$

$$\text{Ratio of probability of losing to probability of winning} = \frac{P(\text{losing})}{P(\text{winning})} = \frac{5/36}{6/36} = \frac{5}{6}$$

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Example 3 : Seven persons including A and B stand in a row such that there are exactly two persons between A and B.

Solution : Seven persons can stand in a row in 7C_7 ways. If there are two persons between A and B, there are

A * * B *
* A * * B
* * A * *
* * * A *

But in these 4 ways A and B can interchange the positions.

5 persons can occupy the positions in 5C_5 ways = 5! ways.

\therefore The number of favourable cases $m = 4 \times 2 \times 5!$

$$\therefore P(A) = \frac{m}{n} = \frac{4 \times 2 \times 5!}{7!}$$

Example 4 : A fair dice is thrown thrice. Find the probability of getting the sum 10 with the first two throws.

Solution : A dice can be thrown 3 times in $6 \times 6 \times 6$ ways.

We can calculate the number of favourable cases.

(1, 4, 5) in 3! = 6 ways, (1, 6, 3) in 3!

(2, 5, 3) in 3! = 6 ways, (2, 6, 2) in 3!

Total No. of ways of getting the sum 10 with the first two throws = 12.

$$\therefore P(A) = \frac{12}{6 \times 6 \times 6} = \frac{1}{9}$$

Example 5 : A bag contains 50 tickets numbered 1 to 50 and arranged in ascending order ($x_1 < x_2 < x_3 < \dots < x_{50}$).

Solution : Five tickets out of 50 can be drawn in ${}^{50}C_5$ ways.

Since x_3 is 30 and tickets are arranged in ascending order, tickets from 1 to 29 can be drawn in ${}^{29}C_2$ ways.

Thus, these two tickets can be drawn in ${}^{29}C_2$ ways.

$$\therefore m = ({}^{29}C_2)$$

$$\therefore P(A) = \frac{m}{n} = \frac{{}^{29}C_2}{{}^{50}C_5}$$

Example 6 : If n biscuits are distributed among r children such that each particular child receives r biscuits where $r < n$.

Solution : The first biscuit can be given to any of the r children in m ways. Two biscuits can be given to any of the r children in m ways.

$m \times m \times \dots \times n$ times = m^n ways.

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E_3 : He passes in A and in B, in D but not in C.

E_4 : He passes in A and in C, in D, but not in B.

Probabilities of these events are

$$P(E_1) = \frac{4}{5} \cdot \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{5}{6} \cdot \frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$P(E_2) = \frac{4}{5} \cdot \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{5}{6} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{2}{3}\right) = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$P(E_3) = \frac{4}{5} \cdot \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{2}{3} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{5}{6}\right) = \frac{1}{15}$$

$$P(E_4) = \frac{4}{5} \cdot \frac{5}{6} \cdot \frac{2}{3} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{3}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{9}$$

The required probability is the sum of these probabilities.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P(\text{He qualifies}) &= P(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup E_3 \cup E_4) \\ &= P(E_1) + P(E_2) + P(E_3) + P(E_4) \\ &= \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{15} + \frac{1}{9} = \frac{61}{90} \end{aligned}$$

Example 12 : Three news papers are published from a city. It is estimated that 20% persons read 16% read B, 14% read C, 5% read A and C, 4% read B and C and 2% read all the three newspapers. What is the probability that a randomly chosen person (i) reads none of these papers, (ii) reads at least one of these papers, (iii) reads only one of these papers, (iv) reads only two of these papers, (v) reads A and B but not C?

Solution : Problems of this type are easily solved by using Venn-diagram.

- (i) $P(\text{reads at least one paper}) = 1 - \frac{65}{100} = 0.35$
- (ii) $P(\text{reads none}) = 0.65$
- (iii) $P(\text{reads only one}) = 9 + 6 + 7$



$$\therefore P(E) = P(A \cap \bar{B}) + P(\bar{A} \cap B)$$

($\because A, B, \bar{A}, \bar{B}$ are independent events)

$$\therefore P(E) = \frac{6}{10} \cdot \frac{3}{10} + \frac{4}{10} \cdot \frac{5}{10}$$

Example 14 : A lot contains 1 per cent defective items. A random sample of size 100 is drawn from the lot. Find the probability of at least one defective item in the sample.

Solution : p = probability of a defective item

q = probability of a non-defective item

Probability of all non-defective items in the sample

$$= \left(\frac{99}{100}\right)^n$$

Probability of at least one defective item in the sample

We want this probability to be greater than 0.99

$$\therefore 1 - \left(\frac{99}{100}\right)^n > 0.99$$

$$\therefore -\left(\frac{99}{100}\right)^n > -0.01$$

$$\therefore n \log(0.99) < \log(0.01)$$

$$\therefore n(-0.0044) < -2$$

Example 9 : A certain test for a particular cancer is known to be 95% accurate. A person submits the test and the result is positive. Suppose that a person comes from a population of 100,000 where 2000 people suffer from that disease. What can we conclude about the probability that the person under test has that particular cancer?

(M.U. 2006)

Solution : We have

p_1 = probability that a person has the cancer

$$= \frac{2000}{100,000} = \frac{2}{100} = 0.02$$

p_2 = probability that a person does not have the cancer

$$= 1 - 0.02 = 0.98$$

p'_1 = probability that the test is positive when a person has the cancer

$$= \frac{95}{100} = 0.95$$

p'_2 = probability that the test is positive when a person does not have the cancer

$$= 1 - 0.95 = 0.05$$

$$\therefore \text{Required probability} = \frac{p_1 p'_1}{p_1 p'_1 + p_2 p'_2}$$

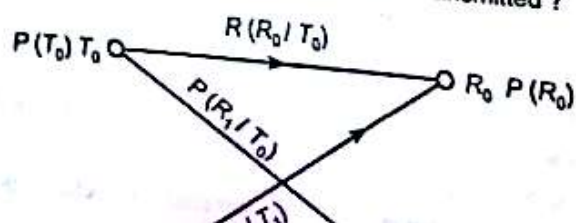
$$\therefore \text{Required probability} = \frac{\frac{2}{100} \cdot \frac{95}{100}}{\frac{2}{100} \cdot \frac{95}{100} + \frac{98}{100} \cdot \frac{5}{100}} = \frac{190}{680} = 0.279$$

Example 10 : In a communication system a zero is transmitted with probability 0.4 and a one is transmitted with probability 0.6. Due to noise in the channel a zero can be received as one with probability 0.1 and as a zero with probability 0.9. Similarly, one can be received as zero with probability 0.1 and as a one with probability 0.9.

(i) If a one is observed, what is the probability that a zero was transmitted?

(ii) If a one is observed what is the probability that one was transmitted?

Solution :



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$P(R_1 / T_1) = 1$ is received when 1 is transmitted

$P(R_0 / T_1) = 0$ is received when 1 is transmitted

$P(1 \text{ is received}) = P(1 \text{ is received when } 1 \text{ is transmitted}) + P(1 \text{ is received when } 0 \text{ is transmitted})$

$$P(R_1) = P(R_1 / T_1) \cdot P(T_1) + P(R_1 / T_0) \cdot P(T_0)$$

$$= 0.9 \times 0.6 + 0.1 \times 0.4 = 0.58$$

(ii) $P(0 \text{ is received}) = P(0 \text{ is received when } 0 \text{ is transmitted}) + P(0 \text{ is received when } 1 \text{ is transmitted})$

$$P(R_0) = P(R_0 / T_0) \cdot P(T_0) + P(R_0 / T_1) \cdot P(T_1)$$

$$= 0.9 \times 0.4 + 0.1 \times 0.6 = 0.42$$

(iii) $P(0 \text{ was transmitted given that } 1 \text{ was received})$

$$P(T_0 / R_1) = \frac{P(R_1 / T_0) \cdot P(T_0)}{P(R_1)} = \frac{0.1 \times 0.4}{0.58} = 0.069$$

(iv) $P(1 \text{ was transmitted given that } 0 \text{ was received})$

$$P(T_1 / R_0) = \frac{P(R_0 / T_1) \cdot P(T_1)}{P(R_0)} = \frac{0.1 \times 0.6}{0.42} = 0.143$$

Alternatively : $P(T_1 / R_1) = 1 - P(T_0 / R_1)$

Example 11 : A binary communication system transmits 0 or 1. Due to noise, sometimes a transmitted 0 is received as 1 and sometimes a transmitted 1 is received as 0.

If the probability that a transmitted 0 is correctly received as 0 is 0.8 and if the probability that a transmitted 1 is correctly received as 1 is 0.9, then find the probability that a 0 was transmitted given that a 0 was received, (ii) the probability that a 1 was transmitted given that a 1 was received, (iii) the probability that a 0 was transmitted given that a 1 was received, (iv) the probability that a 1 was transmitted given that a 0 was received, (v) the error probability.

Solution : We are given that

$P(T_0) = 0.4$ is transmitted

$P(T_1) = 0.6$ is transmitted

$$= 1 - p_1 = 0.55$$

$P(R_0 / T_0) = 0.8$ is received when 0 is transmitted

$P(R_1 / T_0) = 0.2$ is received when 0 is transmitted

$$= 1 - 0.9 = 0.1$$

$P(R_1 / T_1) = 0.9$ is received when 1 is transmitted

$P(R_0 / T_1) = 0.1$ is received when 1 is transmitted

$$= 1 - 0.8 = 0.2$$

$$P_1 = \text{answer is correct (by ...)} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$P_2 = \text{answering is correct (by guessing)} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\text{Required Probability} = \frac{P_1 P_1' + P_2 P_2'}{P_1 P_1' + P_2 P_2'} = \frac{(1/10) \cdot (1/4)}{(9/10) \cdot 1 + (1/10) \cdot (1/4)}$$

$$= \frac{1/40}{37/40} = \frac{1}{37}$$

Example 6: A bag contains five balls, the colours of which are not known. Two balls were drawn from the bag and they were found to be white. What is the probability that all balls are white? (M.U. 2)

Solution: Since two balls drawn are white, the bag may contain 2 white or 3 white or 4 white or 5 white balls.

Let these events be denoted by A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4 respectively. We can assume that the probabilities of these events are equal.

$$\text{Let } P_1 = P(A_1), P_2 = P(A_2), P_3 = P(A_3), P_4 = P(A_4).$$

$$\therefore P_1 = P_2 = P_3 = P_4 = \frac{1}{4}$$

Now, two balls out of 5 can be drawn in 5C_2 ways.

$$\therefore P_1' = P(\text{drawing two white balls when two balls are white}) = \frac{{}^2C_2}{{}^5C_2} = \frac{2 \cdot 1}{5 \cdot 4} = \frac{2}{20}$$

$$P_2' = P(\text{drawing two white balls when 3 balls are white}) = \frac{{}^3C_2}{{}^5C_2} = \frac{3 \cdot 2}{5 \cdot 4} = \frac{6}{20}$$

$$P_3' = P(\text{drawing 2 white balls when 4 balls are white}) = \frac{{}^4C_2}{{}^5C_2} = \frac{4 \times 3}{5 \times 4} = \frac{12}{20}$$

$$P_4' = P(\text{drawing 2 white balls when 5 balls are white}) = \frac{{}^5C_2}{{}^5C_2} = \frac{5 \cdot 4}{5 \cdot 4} = \frac{20}{20}$$

\therefore By Baye's theorem Required Probability

$$= \frac{P_4 P_4'}{P_1 P_1' + P_2 P_2' + P_3 P_3' + P_4 P_4'}$$

$$= \frac{(1/4) \cdot (20/20)}{(1/4) \cdot (2/20) + (1/4) \cdot (6/20) + (1/4) \cdot (12/20) + (1/4) \cdot (20/20)}$$

$$= \frac{20}{2 + 6 + 12 + 20} = \frac{20}{40} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Example 7: The contents of three urns are as follows :

2 white balls, 3 black balls and 5 red balls,

3 white balls, 4 black balls and 3 red balls,

5 white balls, 3 black balls and 2 red balls.

One urn is chosen at random and two balls are drawn. They happen to be white and red. What is the probability that they come from urn 1 or 2 or 3 respectively?

$$C_1 = \text{drawing urn 1}, C_2 = \text{drawing urn 2}, C_3 = \text{drawing urn 3}$$

$$P(C_1) = P(C_2) = P(C_3) = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$P\left(\frac{B}{C_1}\right) = P_1 = \frac{{}^2C_2 \cdot {}^5C_1}{{}^7C_2} = \frac{1 \cdot 5}{21} = \frac{5}{21}$$

$$P\left(\frac{B}{C_2}\right) = P_2 = \frac{{}^3C_2 \cdot {}^3C_1}{{}^6C_2} = \frac{3 \cdot 3}{15} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$P\left(\frac{B}{C_3}\right) = P_3 = \frac{{}^5C_2 \cdot {}^2C_1}{{}^7C_2} = \frac{10 \cdot 2}{21} = \frac{20}{21}$$

$$P\left(\frac{C_1}{B}\right) = \frac{P_1 P_1'}{P_1 P_1' + P_2 P_2' + P_3 P_3'}$$

$$= \frac{1 \cdot (5/21)}{(1/3) \cdot (2/21) + (1/3) \cdot (3/5) + (1/3) \cdot (20/21)}$$

$$\therefore P\left(\frac{C_1}{B}\right) = \frac{2/9}{(2/9) + (1/5) + (20/21)}$$

$$P\left(\frac{C_2}{B}\right) = \frac{P_2 P_2'}{P_1 P_1' + P_2 P_2' + P_3 P_3'}$$

$$= \frac{1 \cdot (3/5)}{(1/3) \cdot (2/21) + (1/3) \cdot (3/5) + (1/3) \cdot (20/21)}$$

$$P\left(\frac{C_3}{B}\right) = \frac{P_3 P_3'}{P_1 P_1' + P_2 P_2' + P_3 P_3'}$$

$$= \frac{1 \cdot (20/21)}{(1/3) \cdot (2/21) + (1/3) \cdot (3/5) + (1/3) \cdot (20/21)}$$

Example 8: A lot of IC chips is delivered but the tester is not completely accurate.

P (Tester says the chip is good / The chip is actually defective)

If a tested chip is declared defective

Solution: Let p_1 = Chip is defective

p_1' = Tester says the chip is good

p_2 = Chip is good

p_2' = Tester says the chip is defective

By Bayes' Theorem,

P (Chip is defective / Tester says the chip is good)

$$\therefore P(R_0) = P(R_0/T_0) \cdot P(T_0) + P(R_0/T_1) \cdot P(T_1) \\ = 0.9 \times 0.45 + 0.2 \times 0.55 = 0.515$$

Now, by Bayes' Theorem

(iii) $P(1 \text{ was transmitted given that } 1 \text{ was received})$ i.e.

$$P(T_1/R_1) = \frac{P(R_1/T_1) \cdot P(T_1)}{P(R_1)} = \frac{0.8 \times 0.55}{0.485} = 0.907$$

(iv) $P(0 \text{ was transmitted given that } 0 \text{ was received})$ i.e.

$$P(T_0/R_0) = \frac{P(R_0/T_0) \cdot P(T_0)}{P(R_0)} = \frac{0.9 \times 0.45}{0.515} = 0.786$$

(v) $P(\text{Error}) = P(0 \text{ was received when } 1 \text{ is transmitted given that } 1 \text{ was transmitted}) \\ + P(1 \text{ was received when } 0 \text{ was transmitted given that } 0 \text{ was transmitted})$

$$P(\text{Error}) = P(R_0/T_1) \cdot P(T_1) + P(R_1/T_0) \cdot P(T_0) \\ = 0.2 \times 0.55 + 0.1 \times 0.45 = 0.155.$$

Example 12: In a factory, four machines A_1 , A_2 , A_3 and A_4 produce 10%, 20%, 30% and 40% of items respectively. The percentage of defective items produced by them is 5%, 4%, 3% and 2% respectively. An item is selected at random is found to be defective. What is the probability that it was produced by machine A_2 ?

Solution: Let $p_1 = P(A_1)$, $p_2 = P(A_2)$, etc., then we have

$$p_1 = 0.1, \quad p_2 = 0.2, \quad p_3 = 0.3, \quad p_4 = 0.4$$

Let $p'_1 = P(B/A_1)$, $p'_2 = P(B/A_2)$, etc., then we have

$$p'_1 = 0.05, \quad p'_2 = 0.04, \quad p'_3 = 0.03, \quad p'_4 = 0.02$$

$$\text{Now, required probability} = \frac{p_2 p'_2}{p_1 p'_1 + p_2 p'_2 + p_3 p'_3 + p_4 p'_4} \\ = \frac{0.2 \times 0.04}{0.1 \times 0.05 + 0.2 \times 0.04 + 0.3 \times 0.03 + 0.4 \times 0.02} \\ = \frac{0.008}{0.03} = 0.27.$$

p_1^* = Probability of getting 2 heads in 3 tosses

$$= {}^3C_2 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) = 3 \cdot \frac{1}{9} \cdot \frac{2}{3} = \frac{2}{9}$$

p_2^* = Probability of getting 2 heads in 3 tosses

$$= {}^3C_2 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = 3 \cdot \frac{4}{9} \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{4}{9}$$

p_3^* = Probability of getting 2 heads in 3 tosses

$$= {}^3C_2 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = 3 \cdot \frac{9}{16} \cdot \frac{1}{4} = \frac{27}{64}$$

\therefore Required Probability = $\frac{p_2 p'_2}{p_1 p'_1 + p_2 p'_2 + p_3 p'_3 + p_4 p'_4}$

$$= \frac{(1/3) \cdot (2/9)}{(1/3) \cdot (2/9) + (1/3) \cdot (4/9) + (2/9) \cdot (1/4) + (3/4) \cdot (1/4)} \\ = \frac{(2/9)}{(2/9) + (4/9) + (27/64)}$$

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(b) We do not know which coin was tossed.

If the coin was A, the probability that it will come up heads is

$$= (\text{Prob. of choosing A}) \times \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{1}{9}$$

If the coin was B, probability of getting heads is

$$= (\text{Prob. of choosing B}) \times \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) = \frac{2}{9}$$

If the coin was C, probability of getting heads is

$$= (\text{Prob. of choosing C}) \times \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{1}{9}$$

P_1 = answer is correct

P_2 = answering is correct (by guessing) = $\frac{1}{4}$

$$\text{Required Probability} = \frac{P_1 P_1' + P_2 P_2'}{P_1 P_1' + P_2 P_2'} = \frac{(1/10) \cdot (1/4)}{(9/10) \cdot 1 + (1/10) \cdot (1/4)}$$

$$= \frac{1/40}{37/40} = \frac{1}{37}$$

Example 6 : A bag contains five balls, the colours of which are not known. Two balls were drawn from the bag and they were found to be white. What is the probability that all balls are white? (M.U. 4)

Solution : Since two balls drawn are white, the bag may contain 2 white or 3 white or 4 white or 5 white balls.

Let these events be denoted by A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4 respectively. We can assume that the probabilities of these events are equal.

Let $P_1 = P(A_1), P_2 = P(A_2), P_3 = P(A_3), P_4 = P(A_4)$

$$\therefore P_1 = P_2 = P_3 = P_4 = \frac{1}{4}$$

Now, two balls out of 5 can be drawn in 5C_2 ways.

$$\therefore P_1' = P(\text{drawing two white balls when two balls are white}) = \frac{{}^2C_2}{{}^5C_2} = \frac{2 \cdot 1}{5 \cdot 4} = \frac{2}{20}$$

$$P_2' = P(\text{drawing two white balls when 3 balls are white}) = \frac{{}^3C_2}{{}^5C_2} = \frac{3 \cdot 2}{5 \cdot 4} = \frac{6}{20}$$

$$P_3' = P(\text{drawing 2 white balls when 4 balls are white}) = \frac{{}^4C_2}{{}^5C_2} = \frac{4 \times 3}{5 \times 4} = \frac{12}{20}$$

$$P_4' = P(\text{drawing 2 white balls when 5 balls are white}) = \frac{{}^5C_2}{{}^5C_2} = \frac{5 \cdot 4}{5 \cdot 4} = \frac{20}{20}$$

\therefore By Baye's theorem Required Probability

$$= \frac{P_4 P_4'}{P_1 P_1' + P_2 P_2' + P_3 P_3' + P_4 P_4'}$$

$$= \frac{(1/4) \cdot (20/20)}{(1/4) \cdot (2/20) + (1/4) \cdot (6/20) + (1/4) \cdot (12/20) + (1/4) \cdot (20/20)}$$

$$= \frac{20}{2 + 6 + 12 + 20} = \frac{20}{40} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Example 7 : The contents of three urns are as follows :

2 white balls, 3 black balls and 5 red balls,

3 white balls, 4 black balls and 3 red balls,

5 white balls, 3 black balls and 2 red balls,

One urn is chosen at random and two balls are drawn. They happen to be white and red. What is the probability that they come from urn 1 or 2 or 3 respectively?

C_1 = Drawing urn 1, C_2 =

$$P(C_1) = P(C_2) = P(C_3) = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$P\left(\frac{B}{C_1}\right) = P_1 = \frac{{}^2C_1 \cdot {}^5C_1}{{}^7C_2} = \frac{2 \cdot 5}{21}$$

$$P\left(\frac{B}{C_2}\right) = P_2 = \frac{{}^3C_1 \cdot {}^4C_1}{{}^7C_2} = \frac{3 \cdot 4}{21}$$

$$P\left(\frac{B}{C_3}\right) = P_3 = \frac{{}^5C_1 \cdot {}^2C_1}{{}^7C_2} = \frac{5 \cdot 2}{21}$$

$$P\left(\frac{C_1}{B}\right) = \frac{P_1 P_1'}{P_1 P_1' + P_2 P_2' + P_3 P_3'}$$

$$= \frac{(1/3) \cdot (2/9)}{(1/3) \cdot (2/9) + (1/3) \cdot (4/9) + (1/3) \cdot (2/9)}$$

$$P\left(\frac{C_2}{B}\right) = \frac{P_2 P_2'}{P_1 P_1' + P_2 P_2' + P_3 P_3'}$$

$$= \frac{(1/3) \cdot (4/9)}{(1/3) \cdot (2/9) + (1/3) \cdot (4/9) + (1/3) \cdot (2/9)}$$

$$P\left(\frac{C_3}{B}\right) = \frac{P_3 P_3'}{P_1 P_1' + P_2 P_2' + P_3 P_3'}$$

$$= \frac{(1/3) \cdot (2/9)}{(1/3) \cdot (2/9) + (1/3) \cdot (4/9) + (1/3) \cdot (2/9)}$$

Example 8 : A lot of IC chips is delivered but the tester is not complete.

P (Tester says the chip is good / The chip is actually defective)

If a tested chip is declared defective

Solution : Let P_1 = Chip is defective

P_1' = Tester says good

P_2 = Chip is good

P_2' = Tester says defective

By Bayes' Theorem,

P (Chip is defective / Tester says defective)

Example 9 : A certain test for a particular cancer is known to be 95% accurate. A person submits the test and the result is positive. Suppose that a person comes from a population of 100,000 where 2 people suffer from that disease. What can we conclude about the probability that the person under test has that particular cancer?

Solution : We have

P_1 = probability that a person has the cancer

$$= \frac{2000}{100,000} = \frac{2}{100} = 0.02$$

P_2 = probability that a person does not have the cancer

$$= 1 - 0.02 = 0.98$$

P_1' = probability that the test is positive when a person has the cancer

$$= \frac{95}{100} = 0.95$$

P_2' = probability that the test is positive when a person does not have the cancer

$$= 1 - 0.95 = 0.05$$

$$\therefore \text{Required probability} = \frac{P_1 P_1'}{P_1 P_1' + P_2 P_2'}$$

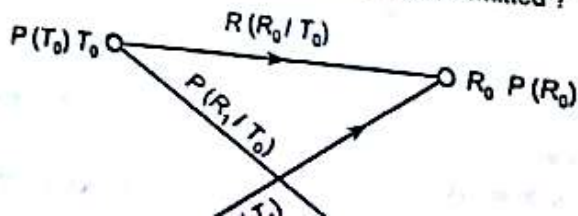
$$\therefore \text{Required probability} = \frac{\frac{2}{100} \cdot \frac{95}{100}}{\frac{2}{100} \cdot \frac{95}{100} + \frac{98}{100} \cdot \frac{5}{100}} = \frac{190}{680} = 0.279$$

Example 10 : In a communication system a zero is transmitted with probability 0.4 and a one is transmitted with probability 0.6. Due to noise in the channel a zero can be received as one with probability 0.1 and as a zero with probability 0.9. Similarly, one can be received as zero with probability 0.1 and as a one with probability 0.9.

(i) If a one is observed, what is the probability that a zero was transmitted?

(ii) If a one is observed what is the probability that one was transmitted?

Solution :



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$P(R_1 / T_1) = a$ is received as 1 with probability a

$P(R_0 / T_1) = 1 - a$ is received as 0 with probability $1 - a$

$P(1 \text{ is received}) = P(1 \text{ is received when } 1 \text{ is transmitted}) + P(1 \text{ is received when } 0 \text{ is transmitted})$

$$P(R_1) = P(R_1 / T_1) \cdot P(T_1) + P(R_1 / T_0) \cdot P(T_0)$$

$$= 0.9 \times 0.6 + 0.1 \times 0.4 = 0.58$$

(ii) $P(0 \text{ is received}) = P(0 \text{ is received when } 1 \text{ is transmitted}) + P(0 \text{ is received when } 0 \text{ is transmitted})$

$$P(R_0) = P(R_0 / T_1) \cdot P(T_1) + P(R_0 / T_0) \cdot P(T_0)$$

$$= 0.1 \times 0.6 + 0.9 \times 0.4 = 0.42$$

(iii) $P(0 \text{ was transmitted given that } 1 \text{ was received}) = \frac{P(R_1 / T_0) \cdot P(T_0)}{P(R_1)}$

$$P(T_0 / R_1) = \frac{P(R_1 / T_0) \cdot P(T_0)}{P(R_1)} = \frac{0.1 \times 0.4}{0.58} = 0.069$$

(iv) $P(1 \text{ was transmitted given that } 0 \text{ was received}) = \frac{P(R_0 / T_1) \cdot P(T_1)}{P(R_0)}$

$$P(T_1 / R_0) = \frac{P(R_0 / T_1) \cdot P(T_1)}{P(R_0)} = \frac{0.1 \times 0.6}{0.42} = 0.143$$

Alternatively: $P(T_1 / R_1) = 1 - P(T_0 / R_1) = 1 - 0.069 = 0.931$

Example 11 : A binary communication system transmits by 0 or 1. Due to noise, sometimes a transmitted 0 is received as 1 and sometimes a transmitted 1 is received as 0.

If the probability that a transmitted 0 is correctly received as 0 is 0.8 and if the probability that a transmitted 1 is correctly received as 1 is 0.9, then find (i) a 0 is received, (ii) a 1 is received, (iii) a 0 was transmitted given that a 0 was received, (iv) a 1 was transmitted given that a 1 was received, (v) the error probability.

Solution : We are given that

$P(T_0) = a$ is transmitted with probability a

$P(T_1) = 1 - a$ is transmitted with probability $1 - a$

$$= 1 - 0.55 = 0.45$$

$P(R_0 / T_0) = a$ is received as 0 with probability a

$P(R_1 / T_0) = 1 - a$ is received as 1 with probability $1 - a$

$$= 1 - 0.9 = 0.1$$

$P(R_1 / T_1) = a$ is received as 1 with probability a

$P(R_0 / T_1) = 1 - a$ is received as 0 with probability $1 - a$

$$= 1 - 0.8 = 0.2$$

E_3 : He passes in A and in B, in D but not in C.

E_4 : He passes in A and in C, in D, but not in B.

Probabilities of these events are

$$P(E_1) = \frac{4}{5} \cdot \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{5}{6} \cdot \frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$P(E_2) = \frac{4}{5} \cdot \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{5}{6} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{2}{3}\right) = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$P(E_3) = \frac{4}{5} \cdot \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{2}{3} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{5}{6}\right) = \frac{1}{15}$$

$$P(E_4) = \frac{4}{5} \cdot \frac{5}{6} \cdot \frac{2}{3} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{3}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{9}$$

The required probability is the sum of these probabilities.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P(\text{He qualifies}) &= P(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup E_3 \cup E_4) \\ &= P(E_1) + P(E_2) + P(E_3) + P(E_4) \\ &= \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{15} + \frac{1}{9} = \frac{61}{90} \end{aligned}$$

Example 12 : Three news papers are published from a city. It is estimated that 20% persons read A, 16% read B, 14% read C, 5% read A and C, 4% read B and C and 2% read all the three newspapers. What is the probability that a randomly chosen person (i) reads none of these papers, (ii) reads at least one of these papers, (iii) reads only one of these papers, (iv) reads only two of these papers, (v) reads A and B but not C?

Solution : Problems of this type are easily solved by using Venn-diagram.

$$(i) \quad P(\text{reads at least one paper}) = 1 - \frac{65}{100} = 0.35$$

$$(ii) \quad P(\text{reads none}) = 0.65$$

$$(iii) \quad P(\text{reads only one}) = 9 + 6 + 7 = 22$$



$$\therefore P(E) = P(A \cap \bar{B}) + P(\bar{A} \cap B)$$

($\because A, B, \bar{A}, \bar{B}$ are independent events)

$$\therefore P(E) = \frac{6}{10} \cdot \frac{3}{10} + \frac{4}{10} \cdot \frac{5}{10}$$

Example 14 : A lot contains 1 per cent defective items. A random sample of 10 items is drawn with replacement. Find the probability of at least one defective item.

Solution : p = probability of a defective item

q = probability of a non-defective item

Probability of all non-defective items in a sample of 10

$$= \left(\frac{99}{100}\right)^{10}$$

Probability of at least one defective item

We want this probability to be greater than 0.99

$$\therefore 1 - \left(\frac{99}{100}\right)^n > 0.99$$

$$\therefore -\left(\frac{99}{100}\right)^n > -0.01$$

$$\therefore n \log(0.99) < \log(0.01)$$

$$\therefore n(-0.0044) < -2$$

$$(ii) \quad P(0 \text{ is received}) = P(0 \text{ is received when } 0 \text{ is transmitted}) + P(0 \text{ is received when } 1 \text{ is transmitted})$$

$$P(R_0) = P(R_0 / T_0) \cdot P(T_0) + P(R_0 / T_1) \cdot P(T_1)$$

$$= 0.9 \times 0.4 + 0.1 \times 0.6 = 0.42$$

$$(iii) \quad P(0 \text{ was transmitted given that } 1 \text{ was received})$$

$$P(T_0 / R_1) = \frac{P(R_1 / T_0) \cdot P(T_0)}{P(R_1)} = \frac{0.1 \times 0.4}{0.58} = \frac{0.04}{0.58} = 0.07$$

$$(iv) \quad P(1 \text{ was transmitted given that } 0 \text{ was received})$$

$$P(T_1 / R_0) = \frac{P(R_0 / T_1) \cdot P(T_1)}{P(R_0)} = \frac{0.1 \times 0.6}{0.42} = \frac{0.06}{0.42} = 0.14$$

$$\text{Alternatively: } P(T_1 / R_1) = 1 - P(T_0 / R_1) = 1 - 0.07 = 0.93.$$

Example 11 : A binary communication transmitter sends data as one of two types of signals denoted by 0 or 1. Due to noise, sometimes a transmitted 1 is received as 0 and vice versa.

If the probability that a transmitted 0 is correctly received as 0 is 0.9 and the probability that a transmitted 1 is correctly received as 1 is 0.8 and if the probability of transmitting 0 is 0.45, find the probability that (i) a 1 is received, (ii) a 0 is received, (iii) a 1 was transmitted given that 1 was received, (iv) a 0 was transmitted given that a 0 was received, (v) the error has occurred. (M.U. 2009)

Solution : We are given that

$$P(T_0) = \text{a 0 is transmitted} = 0.45$$

$$P(T_1) = \text{a 1 is transmitted} = 1 - P(T_0)$$

$$= 1 - 0.45 = 0.55$$

$$P(R_0 / T_0) = \text{a 0 is received when a 0 was transmitted} = 0.9$$

$$P(R_1 / T_0) = \text{a 1 received when a 0 was transmitted}$$

$$= 1 - 0.9 = 0.1$$

$$P(R_1 / T_1) = \text{a 1 is received when a 1 was transmitted} = 0.8$$

$$P(R_0 / T_1) = \text{a 0 is received when a 1 was transmitted}$$

$$= 1 - 0.8 = 0.2$$

Now, we calculate the required probabilities as follows :

$$(i) \quad P(1 \text{ is received}) = P(1 \text{ is received when } 1 \text{ is transmitted})$$

$$+ P(1 \text{ is received when } 0 \text{ is transmitted})$$

$$\therefore P(R_1) = P(R_1 / T_1) \cdot P(T_1) + P(R_1 / T_0) \cdot P(T_0)$$

$$= 0.8 \times 0.55 + 0.1 \times 0.45 = 0.485$$

$$(ii) \quad P(0 \text{ is received}) = P(0 \text{ is received when } 0 \text{ is transmitted})$$

$$+ P(0 \text{ is received when } 1 \text{ is transmitted})$$

- (i) $P(1 \text{ is received}) = P(1 \text{ is received when } 1 \text{ is transmitted}) + P(1 \text{ is received when } 0 \text{ is transmitted})$

$$P(R_1) = P(R_1 / T_1) \cdot P(T_1) + P(R_1 / T_0) \cdot P(T_0)$$

$$= 0.9 \times 0.6 + 0.1 \times 0.4 = 0.58$$
- (ii) $P(0 \text{ is received}) = P(0 \text{ is received when } 0 \text{ is transmitted}) + P(0 \text{ is received when } 1 \text{ is transmitted})$

$$P(R_0) = P(R_0 / T_0) \cdot P(T_0) + P(R_0 / T_1) \cdot P(T_1)$$

$$= 0.9 \times 0.4 + 0.1 \times 0.6 = 0.42$$
- (iii) $P(0 \text{ was transmitted given that } 1 \text{ was received})$

$$P(T_0 / R_1) = \frac{P(R_1 / T_0) \cdot P(T_0)}{P(R_1)} = \frac{0.1 \times 0.4}{0.58} = \frac{0.04}{0.58} = 0.07$$
- (iv) $P(1 \text{ was transmitted given that } 0 \text{ was received})$

$$P(T_1 / R_0) = \frac{P(R_0 / T_1) \cdot P(T_1)}{P(R_0)} = \frac{0.1 \times 0.6}{0.42} = \frac{0.06}{0.42} = 0.14$$

Alternatively: $P(T_1 / R_1) = 1 - P(T_0 / R_1) = 1 - 0.07 = 0.93$.

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If the probability that a transmitted 0 is correctly received as 0 is 0.9 and the probability that a transmitted 1 is correctly received as 1 is 0.8 and if the probability of transmitting 0 is 0.45, find the probability that (i) a 1 is received, (ii) a 0 is received, (iii) a 1 was transmitted given that 1 was received, (iv) a 0 was transmitted given that a 0 was received, (v) the error has occurred. (M.U. 2009)

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$$P(T_0) = \text{a 0 is transmitted} = 0.45$$

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$$= 1 - 0.45 = 0.55$$

$$P(R_0 / T_0) = \text{a 0 is received when a 0 was transmitted} = 0.9$$

$$P(R_1 / T_0) = \text{a 1 received when a 0 was transmitted}$$

$$= 1 - 0.9 = 0.1$$

$$P(R_1 / T_1) = \text{a 1 is received when a 1 was transmitted} = 0.8$$

$$P(R_0 / T_1) = \text{a 0 is received when a 1 was transmitted}$$

$$= 1 - 0.8 = 0.2$$

Now, we calculate the required probabilities as follows:

- (i) $P(1 \text{ is received}) = P(1 \text{ is received when } 1 \text{ is transmitted})$
 $+ P(1 \text{ is received when } 0 \text{ is transmitted})$

$$\therefore P(R_1) = P(R_1 / T_1) \cdot P(T_1) + P(R_1 / T_0) \cdot P(T_0)$$

$$= 0.8 \times 0.55 + 0.1 \times 0.45 = 0.485$$

- (ii) $P(0 \text{ is received}) = P(0 \text{ is received when } 0 \text{ is transmitted})$
 $+ P(0 \text{ is received when } 1 \text{ is transmitted})$

- (i) $P(1 \text{ is received}) = P(1 \text{ is received when } 1 \text{ is transmitted}) + P(1 \text{ is received when } 0 \text{ is transmitted})$

$$P(R_1) = P(R_1 / T_1) \cdot P(T_1) + P(R_1 / T_0) \cdot P(T_0)$$

$$= 0.9 \times 0.6 + 0.1 \times 0.4 = 0.58$$
- (ii) $P(0 \text{ is received}) = P(0 \text{ is received when } 0 \text{ is transmitted}) + P(0 \text{ is received when } 1 \text{ is transmitted})$

$$P(R_0) = P(R_0 / T_0) \cdot P(T_0) + P(R_0 / T_1) \cdot P(T_1)$$

$$= 0.9 \times 0.4 + 0.1 \times 0.6 = 0.42$$
- (iii) $P(0 \text{ was transmitted given that } 1 \text{ was received})$

$$P(T_0 / R_1) = \frac{P(R_1 / T_0) \cdot P(T_0)}{P(R_1)} = \frac{0.1 \times 0.4}{0.58} = \frac{0.04}{0.58} = 0.07$$
- (iv) $P(1 \text{ was transmitted given that } 0 \text{ was received})$

$$P(T_1 / R_0) = \frac{P(R_0 / T_1) \cdot P(T_1)}{P(R_0)} = \frac{0.1 \times 0.6}{0.42} = \frac{0.06}{0.42} = 0.14$$

Alternatively: $P(T_1 / R_1) = 1 - P(T_0 / R_1) = 1 - 0.07 = 0.93$.

Example 11: A binary communication transmitter sends data as one of two types of signals denoted by 0 or 1. Due to noise, sometimes a transmitted 1 is received as 0 and vice versa.

If the probability that a transmitted 0 is correctly received as 0 is 0.9 and the probability that a transmitted 1 is correctly received as 1 is 0.8 and if the probability of transmitting 0 is 0.45, find the probability that (i) a 1 is received, (ii) a 0 is received, (iii) a 1 was transmitted given that 1 was received, (iv) a 0 was transmitted given that a 0 was received, (v) the error has occurred. (M.U. 2009)

Solution: We are given that

$$P(T_0) = \text{a 0 is transmitted} = 0.45$$

$$P(T_1) = \text{a 1 is transmitted} = 1 - P(T_0)$$

$$= 1 - 0.45 = 0.55$$

$$P(R_0 / T_0) = \text{a 0 is received when a 0 was transmitted} = 0.9$$

$$P(R_1 / T_0) = \text{a 1 received when a 0 was transmitted}$$

$$= 1 - 0.9 = 0.1$$

$$P(R_1 / T_1) = \text{a 1 is received when a 1 was transmitted} = 0.8$$

$$P(R_0 / T_1) = \text{a 0 is received when a 1 was transmitted}$$

$$= 1 - 0.8 = 0.2$$

Now, we calculate the required probabilities as follows:

- (i) $P(1 \text{ is received}) = P(1 \text{ is received when } 1 \text{ is transmitted})$

$$+ P(1 \text{ is received when } 0 \text{ is transmitted})$$

$$\therefore P(R_1) = P(R_1 / T_1) \cdot P(T_1) + P(R_1 / T_0) \cdot P(T_0)$$

$$= 0.8 \times 0.55 + 0.1 \times 0.45 = 0.485$$
- (ii) $P(0 \text{ is received}) = P(0 \text{ is received when } 0 \text{ is transmitted})$

$$+ P(0 \text{ is received when } 1 \text{ is transmitted})$$

$$\therefore P(R_0) = P(R_0/T_0) \cdot P(T_0) + P(R_0/T_1) \cdot P(T_1) \\ = 0.9 \times 0.45 + 0.2 \times 0.55 = 0.515$$

Now, by Bayes' Theorem

(iii) $P(1 \text{ was transmitted given that } 1 \text{ was received})$ i.e.

$$P(T_1/R_1) = \frac{P(R_1/T_1) \cdot P(T_1)}{P(R_1)} = \frac{0.8 \times 0.55}{0.485} = 0.907$$

(iv) $P(0 \text{ was transmitted given that } 0 \text{ was received})$ i.e.

$$P(T_0/R_0) = \frac{P(R_0/T_0) \cdot P(T_0)}{P(R_0)} = \frac{0.9 \times 0.45}{0.515} = 0.786$$

(v) $P(\text{Error}) = P(0 \text{ was received when } 1 \text{ is transmitted given that } 1 \text{ was transmitted}) \\ + P(1 \text{ was received when } 0 \text{ was transmitted given that } 0 \text{ was transmitted})$

$$P(\text{Error}) = P(R_0/T_1) \cdot P(T_1) + P(R_1/T_0) \cdot P(T_0) \\ = 0.2 \times 0.55 + 0.1 \times 0.45 = 0.155.$$

Example 12: In a factory, four machines A_1 , A_2 , A_3 and A_4 produce 10%, 20%, 30% and 40% of items respectively. The percentage of defective items produced by them is 5%, 4%, 3% and 2% respectively. An item is selected at random is found to be defective. What is the probability that it was produced by machine A_2 ?

Solution: Let $p_1 = P(A_1)$, $p_2 = P(A_2)$, etc., then we have

$$p_1 = 0.1, \quad p_2 = 0.2, \quad p_3 = 0.3, \quad p_4 = 0.4$$

Let $p'_1 = P(B/A_1)$, $p'_2 = P(B/A_2)$, etc., then we have

$$p'_1 = 0.05, \quad p'_2 = 0.04, \quad p'_3 = 0.03, \quad p'_4 = 0.02$$

$$\text{Now, required probability} = \frac{p_2 p'_2}{p_1 p'_1 + p_2 p'_2 + p_3 p'_3 + p_4 p'_4} \\ = \frac{0.2 \times 0.04}{0.1 \times 0.05 + 0.2 \times 0.04 + 0.3 \times 0.03 + 0.4 \times 0.02} \\ = \frac{0.008}{0.03} = 0.27.$$

p_1' = Probability of getting 2 heads in 3 tosses

$$= {}^3C_2 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) = 3 \cdot \frac{1}{9} \cdot \frac{2}{3} = \frac{2}{9}.$$

p_2' = Probability of getting 2 heads in 3 tosses

$$= {}^3C_2 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = 3 \cdot \frac{4}{9} \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{4}{9}.$$

p_3' = Probability of getting 2 heads in 3 tosses

$$= {}^3C_2 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = 3 \cdot \frac{9}{16} \cdot \frac{1}{4} = \frac{27}{64}.$$

\therefore Required Probability = $\frac{p_2 p'_2}{p_1 p'_1 + p_2 p'_2 + p_3 p'_3 + p_4 p'_4}$

$$= \frac{(1/3)(2/9)}{(1/3)(2/9) + (1/3)(4/9) + (2/9)} \\ = \frac{(2/9)}{(2/9) + (4/9) + (27/64)}$$

(M.U. 2011)

(b) We do not know which coin was tossed. If the coin was A, the probability that

$$= (\text{Prob. of choosing A}) \times \left(\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{9}.$$

If the coin was B, probability of getting 2 heads = (Prob. of choosing B) \times

$$= \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{2}{3} = \frac{2}{9}.$$

If the coin was C, probability of getting 2 heads = (Prob. of choosing C) \times

$$= \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{2}{3} = \frac{2}{9}.$$

Example 3 : Find $E(X)$ if X has the p.d.f. $f(x) = \begin{cases} kx(2-x), & 0 \leq x \leq 2, k > 0 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$

Solution : By definition $E(X) = \int_0^2 x f(x) dx = \int_0^2 x \cdot kx(2-x) dx = k \int_0^2 (2x^2 - x^3) dx$
 $= k \left[\frac{2x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} \right]_0^2 = k \left[\frac{16}{3} - \frac{16}{4} \right] = \frac{16k}{12} = \frac{4k}{3}.$

Example 4 : Find $E(X)$ for the p.d.f. $f(x) = \begin{cases} k(x-x^2), & 0 \leq x \leq 1, k > 0 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$

Solution : By definition $E(x) = \int_0^1 x f(x) dx = \int_0^1 x \cdot k(x-x^2) dx = k \left[\frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} \right]_0^1 = \frac{k}{12}.$

Example 5 : The daily consumption of electric power (in million kwh) is a random variable X with probability density function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} kx e^{-x/3} & \text{for } x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

Find the value of k , the expectation of k and the probability that on a given day the electric consumption is more than expected value. (M.U. 2003, 04)

Solution : We must have $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$ i.e. $k \int_0^{\infty} x e^{-x/3} dx = 1$

$$\therefore k \left[(x) \left(\frac{e^{-x/3}}{-1/3} \right) - (1) \left(\frac{e^{-x/3}}{1/9} \right) \right]_0^{\infty} = 1$$

$$\therefore k[0 + 9] = 1 \quad \therefore 9k = 1 \quad \therefore k = 1/9$$

Example: If $P(A) = 0.3$, $P(B) = 0.5$, find $P(A \cup B)$ when (i) A, B are exclusive (ii) A, B are independent.

Solution: (i) If A, B are exclusive $P(A \cap B) = 0$

$$\therefore P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) \\ = 0.3 + 0.5 - 0 = 0.8.$$

(ii) If A, B are independent $P(A \cap B) = P(A) \times P(B)$

$$\therefore P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A) \times P(B) \\ = 0.3 + 0.5 - 0.3 \times 0.5 = 0.65.$$

(Note that $P(A \cup B)$ has two different values under the two conditions, showing that independence and exclusiveness are two different concepts.)

(b) Mutual Independence

If A, B, C are any three events then they are said to be mutually independent if they are pairwise independent and if A is independent of $B \cap C$, B is independent of $C \cap A$, C is independent of $A \cap B$.

The last condition gives,

$$P[C \cap (A \cap B)] = P(C) \cdot P(A \cap B) \\ = P(C) \cdot P(A) \cdot P(B) \quad [\because A, B \text{ are independent.}]$$

For the other two pairs, we get the same condition.

Thus, three events A, B, C are mutually independent if

1. $P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$
2. $P(B \cap C) = P(B) \cdot P(C)$
3. $P(C \cap A) = P(C) \cdot P(A)$
4. $P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(A) \cdot P(B) \cdot P(C).$

Generalisation: If $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n$ are n events then they are said to be mutually independent if

$$(1) \quad P(A_1 \cap A_2) = P(A_1) \cdot P(A_2); P(A_1 \cap A_3) = P(A_1) \cdot P(A_3) \dots$$

$$\text{i.e. } P(A_i \cap A_j) = P(A_i) \cdot P(A_j) \text{ for all } i, j, i \neq j \text{ and}$$

$$(2) \quad P(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n) = P(A_1) \cdot P(A_2) \dots P(A_n)$$

Note

It should be noted that the condition $P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(A) \cdot P(B) \cdot P(C)$ alone does not ensure pairwise independence and also the pairwise independence alone does not ensure $P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(A) \cdot P(B) \cdot P(C).$

(c) Some Theorems

We now prove some theorems on conditional probability.

Theorem 1: If

Now, consider,

$$P(\bar{A} \cap \bar{B}) = P(\overline{A \cup B}) \\ = 1 - P(A \cup B) \\ = 1 - [P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)] \\ = 1 - P(A) - P(B) + P(A \cap B) \\ = [1 - P(A)] \cdot [1 - P(B)] \\ = P(\bar{A}) \cdot P(\bar{B})$$

But

$$P(\bar{A} / \bar{B}) = \frac{P(\bar{A} \cap \bar{B})}{P(\bar{B})} = \frac{P(\bar{A}) \cdot P(\bar{B})}{P(\bar{B})} = P(\bar{A})$$

Note

Note that in words this theorem states "independent".

Theorem 2: If A, B are independent

Proof: We have $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$

Since, A, B are independent $P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$

$$\therefore P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A) \cdot P(B) \\ = P(A) + P(B) - P(A) \cdot P(B) \\ = 1 - P(\bar{A}) \cdot P(\bar{B})$$

Theorem 3: If A, B are independent

Proof: We have to prove that $P(A \cap \bar{B}) = P(A) \cdot P(\bar{B})$

$$\text{Now, } P(A \cap \bar{B}) = P(A) - P(A \cap B) \\ = P(A) - P(A) \cdot P(B)$$

$$\therefore P(A \cap \bar{B}) = P(A) [1 - P(B)] \\ = P(A) \cdot P(\bar{B})$$

$$\therefore A, \bar{B} \text{ are independent}$$

Remark

If A, B are independent then since $A \cap \bar{B} = A$, $P(A \cap \bar{B}) = P(A)$